

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 4, “Pharmacist-Interns,” and Chapter 8, “Universal Practice Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments were approved at the August 27, 2014, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendments provide for the delegation of immunization administration by an authorized pharmacist to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist. The amendments also define “authorized pharmacist-intern” and require continued cardiac life support certification and documentation of such certification beyond initial qualification of the authorized pharmacist or authorized pharmacist-intern. The amendments also require that the prescriber authorizing the administration of immunizations via protocol must identify, by name or classification, any pharmacists or other qualified health professionals that may administer immunizations pursuant to the specific protocol.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2014. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or sent by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 4.6(2) as follows:

4.6(2) *Supervision and authorized functions.* A licensed pharmacist shall be on duty in the pharmacy and shall be responsible for the actions of a pharmacist-intern during all periods of internship training. At the discretion of the supervising pharmacist, the following judgmental functions, usually restricted to a pharmacist, may be delegated to pharmacist-interns registered by the board:

a. and *b.* No change.

c. Patient counseling;

d. Administration of vaccines pursuant to rule 657—8.33(155A).

ITEM 2. Amend rule 657—8.33(155A) as follows:

657—8.33(155A) Vaccine administration by pharmacists. An authorized pharmacist may administer vaccines pursuant to protocols established by the CDC in compliance with the requirements of this rule. An authorized pharmacist may only delegate the administration of a vaccine to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist.

8.33(1) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall apply:

“ACIP” means the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

“ACPE” means the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

“Authorized pharmacist” means an Iowa-licensed pharmacist who has met the requirements identified in subrule 8.33(2).

“Authorized pharmacist-intern” means an Iowa-registered pharmacist-intern who has met the requirements for an authorized pharmacist identified in paragraphs 8.33(2)“a” and “c.”

“CDC” means the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Immunization” shall have the same meaning as, and shall be interchangeable with, the term “vaccine.”

“Protocol” means a standing order for a vaccine to be administered by an authorized pharmacist.

“Vaccine” means a specially prepared antigen administered to a person for the purpose of providing immunity.

8.33(2) Authorized pharmacist training and continuing education. An authorized pharmacist shall document successful completion of the requirements in paragraph 8.33(2)“a” and shall maintain competency by completing and maintaining documentation of the continuing education requirements in paragraph 8.33(2)“b.”

a. and b. No change.

c. *Certification maintained.* During any period within which the pharmacist may engage in the administration of vaccines, the pharmacist shall maintain current certification in the American Heart Association or the Red Cross basic cardiac life support protocol for health care providers.

8.33(3) Protocol requirements. A pharmacist may administer vaccines pursuant to CDC protocols. A protocol shall be unique to a pharmacy ~~and~~. The prescriber who signs a protocol shall identify all within the protocol, by name or category, those pharmacists authorized or other qualified health professionals that the prescriber is authorizing to administer vaccines pursuant to the protocol. Links to CDC protocols shall be provided on the board’s Web site at www.iowa.gov/ibpe. A protocol:

a. to d. No change.

e. Shall specifically indicate whether the authorizing prescriber agrees that the administration of vaccines may be delegated by the authorized pharmacist to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist.

8.33(4) to 8.33(7) No change.